

## ***CAROLINE COUNTY 2003 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE***

<b><i>Farm Numbers</i></b> <sup>1</sup>	<b><i>1992</i></b>	<b><i>1997</i></b> <sup>3</sup>	<b><i>2002</i></b>
<i>Number of Farms</i>	588	556	506
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	216	202	227
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	126,981	112,545	114,843

<b><i>Livestock Inventory</i></b> <sup>1</sup>	<b><i>1992</i></b>	<b><i>1997</i></b> <sup>3</sup>	<b><i>2002</i></b>
<i>Cattle</i>	4,794	3,210	6,716
<i>Hogs</i>	7,395	6,368	1,224
<i>Sheep</i>	391	244	248

<b><i>2002 Value of Sales</i></b> <sup>1</sup>			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			104,358
<i>Poultry &amp; Eggs (\$1,000)</i>			65,501
<i>Grains &amp; Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>			15,147
<i>Vegetables (\$1,000)</i>			7,863

<b><i>Demographic Data</i></b> <sup>1</sup>	<b><i>1992</i></b>	<b><i>1997</i></b> <sup>3</sup>	<b><i>2002</i></b>
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	51.8	53.5	54.9
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	8.2	7.6	8.9

<b><i>2002 Equine Census</i></b>			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			260
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			1,310
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$7,290,000

<b><i>Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i></b> <sup>1</sup>			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	6	<i>Soybeans</i>	2
<i>Barley</i>	1	<i>Vegetables</i>	2
<i>Forage</i>	16	<i>Wheat</i>	2

<b><i>Livestock &amp; Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i></b> <sup>1</sup>			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	21	<i>Milk Cows</i>	11
<i>Broilers</i>	4	<i>Sheep</i>	19
<i>Hogs</i>	11		

<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	22,500	175.8	3,955,000
	<i>2002</i> <sup>3</sup>	30,000	80.0	2,399,200
	<i>2003</i>	26,700	116.1	3,101,000
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	1,600	19.4	31,000
	<i>2002</i> <sup>3</sup>	1,300	14.8	19,200
	<i>2003</i>	2,600	16.8	43,600
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	57,500	36.0	2,070,000
	<i>2002</i> <sup>3</sup>	48,200	20.6	991,500
	<i>2003</i>	45,500	32.0	1,454,200
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	19,500	60.3	1,175,000
	<i>2002</i> <sup>3</sup>	19,300	67.1	1,295,600
	<i>2003</i>	16,000	33.7	539,700
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	3,000	3.0	9,000
	<i>2002</i> <sup>3</sup>	3,400	2.3	7,700
	<i>2003</i>	2,900	2.7	7,900
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i> <sup>3</sup>	7,700	72.8	560,200
	<i>2002</i> <sup>3</sup>	7,700	82.1	631,900
	<i>2003</i>	8,300	45.3	376,100

<sup>3</sup> Revised.

\* Acreage too small to publish.

	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$62.23	\$65.64	\$74.66

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